

Wm. V. Boston, June 17, 1864.

Dear Johnson:

I have just seen Phillips, and find him greatly excited as to the treatment of the Baltimore and Cleveland Conventions by the Standard, to the disparagement of the latter. He showed me a note he had just written to Bonditch, forbidding him, as Treasurer of the American A. S. Society, paying one cent towards the further support of the Standard - pronouncing it a partisan Lincoln sheet!

He claims that he has three times committed our Society to his views against the

Administration, and
therefore the Standard is
bound to oppose the re-election
of Lincoln! Of course,
an earnest conversation,
though a brief one, ensued
between us, in which I
told him he had in
every instance compelled
a fair and friendly
defense of the President
by his partisan appeals
for Fremont, and his
unjust and sweeping
accusations. We agreed
to call a meeting of the
Executive Committee on
Monday next, to determine
what is to be done;

and as V. will doubtless
take a bare majority with
him, you must be prepared
to receive a censure, or
a proposition to change
the tone of the Standard,
or retire from the Editorial
Chair. I told Phillips
you expressed to me your
readiness to leave, if so
desired. But you shall
promptly know what we
decide upon next Monday.

I send you this hasty
note to apprise you that
breakers are ahead. Indeed,
I am satisfied that our
Society is to be rent asunder,

and, therefore, our associated
action is soon to terminate.

We are so much
divided, that separation
or dissolution threatens to
be the only alternative;
and I prefer the latter.

Ever faithfully yours,

W. L. G.

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